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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1761
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HAGIWARA) Examiner: C.E. Sherrer
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Serial No. 09/950,902)
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Filed: October 10, 1997)

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOLIC COFFEE DRINKS**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of June 18, 2002, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on September 18, 2002. Accordingly, a request for a three-month extension of time under C.F.R. §1.136 and the fee set forth in §1.17(a)(2) are respectfully submitted herewith. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE").

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, delete claims 2 and 13-15 and add new claim 16 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith.